

VZCZCXYZ0002

OO RUEHWEB

DE RUEHC #2976 0542357

ZNR UUUUU ZZH

O 232351Z FEB 07

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY KIGALI IMMEDIATE 4055

UNCLAS STATE 022976

SIPDIS

SENSITIVE

SIPDIS

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: [MARR](#) [PGOV](#) [PHUM](#) [RW](#)

SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING INFORMATION FOR SENIOR
LEADER SEMINAR

REF: KIGALI 83

¶1. The Department of State has reviewed its files and finds that as of February 22, 2007, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the security officers below:

NAME: Ben Balthazar Rutsinga
CURRENT ASSIGNMENT: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
DATE OF BIRTH: 09/06/54
GENDER: Male

NAME: Mubarakh Muganga
RANK: BrigGen
CURRENT ASSIGNMENT: Rwandan Defense Forces (RDF)
DATE OF BIRTH: 06/26/67
GENDER: Male

¶2. The Department notes Post's information regarding an allegation that Muganga was involved in civilian/extrajudicial killings and Post's views that this allegation does not come from a credible source. In its research, the Department found additional references to these allegations, but all appear to have been drawn from the same single source. Because the Department has been unable to locate any additional information that corroborates this single source, and because of concerns about the credibility of this source, we do not believe these assertions rise to a level of credibility appropriate to the Leahy standard.

¶3. Post is permitted to provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the security officers identified in paragraph 1 above, as of this date. Post may cite this cable in response.

¶4. If in the future post becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individuals listed above, Post should inform the Department and not proceed with training.
RICE